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Amendment to the Specification:

Prior to examination, please amend the specification as follows.

Please insert a new paragraph beginning at page 1, line 3, as follows:

--CLAIM OF PRIORITY

This application claims priority under 35 USC 371 to International Application No. PCT/IB2003/005718, filed on November 11, 2003, which claims priority to Great Britain Patent Application No. 0226251.7, filed on November 11 2002, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference.--

Please insert the following abstract after page 98:

--An isolated multiply acetylated protein HMGB1; or a variant or fragment thereof, or a polynucleotide encoding therefor.--